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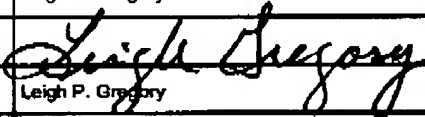
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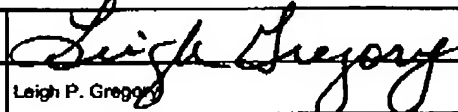
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In response to the Patent Office action dated March 9, 2006, Applicant hereby requests reconsideration of the rejections contained therein in view of the following remarks.

**A complete listing of the claims begins on page 2 of this paper.**

**Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.**